

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: File44.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1101063.016

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 08 December 2011

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image on the printout shows a young girl posing in a manner that displays her sexual parts. The deliberate camera focus on her bare thighs and buttocks, and the glimpse of her pants showing between her legs, sexualises the photograph. Images such as this encourage viewers to see children as sexually available and perpetuate the idea that they may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.